

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) ~~The paper making method according to claim 1, A method of making a discontinuous paper body, comprising:~~

feeding a raw material with a predetermined concentration into water which is in a stirred condition;

maintaining the stirred condition for a predetermined time after said feeding step is completed; and

passing the raw material diluted with the water through a wire cloth, while the stirred condition is maintained;

wherein said paper body is a discontinuous annular body, and the stirred condition is obtained by a plurality of stirring mechanisms equally disposed above said wire cloth.

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The paper making method according to claim 14, wherein said stirring mechanisms are air nozzles, and the raw material is stirred by air jetted from said air nozzles.

5. through 29. (cancelled)